

ADEPT

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- by email

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Dear

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Association of Directors for Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT). I invite you to renew your membership for 2017/18.

I'm delighted to say that ADEPT is going from strength to strength, with authority and LEP membership up 30% in the past year and we now have 11 corporate partners. Suggestions of other potential corporate partners are very welcome! For more information see [Corporate Partner Membership | ADEPT](#). In addition, we continue to secure sponsorship for key events like the Annual Conference and Annual Dinner.

ADEPT's unique system of technical working groups, subject and sub-national boards provide ongoing support for members by sharing good practice and technical expertise, facilitating strategic thinking and providing networking opportunities (see [here](#) for more detail). The working groups in particular offer great personal development opportunities for your teams. There is active engagement with government departments, agencies and professional bodies across ADEPT's broad portfolio of interests. Current national priorities include EU Exit, the Industrial Strategy Green Paper and Housing White Paper alongside growing issues such as air quality, digital provision and energy security.

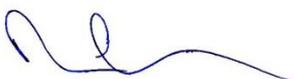
The organisation has continued to evolve; two key changes have been the recruitment of a Chief Operating Officer, Hannah Bartram, and the merger of the President's Team with the Management Board to create the Leadership Team. Other changes include a refresh of the ADEPT brand, the launch of a new website (www.adeptnet.org.uk) and a move to a monthly e-newsletter. Media interest in ADEPT's activities also continues to grow.

I wanted to highlight two key events taking place this year. The Annual Conference is in Manchester on 23/24 November 2017. Last year's conference was extremely successful, with over 160 delegates and 35+ speakers. And the first time, we have combined the President's Meeting (i.e. the annual policy debate) with the Annual Dinner and AGM, which takes place on 14/15 June in London. Please save the dates – further information will be circulated shortly.

If you do not already do so, I would encourage you to attend a [sub-national board](#) meeting and/or contribute to the work of a [subject board](#). The strength of the Association lies in the active participation of its members.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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